Special component to Andbra Pradesh under CADP

5102. SHR1 K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced a special component namely 'Reclamation of Water Logged Areas in Irrigation Commands'under Command Area Development Programme;

(b) if so, the salient features of the component;

(c) the number of proposals approved, the estimated cost of these proposals and the estimated area reclined under the scheme till 31st March, 2002;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to extend the component to Andhra Pradesh and other States;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATIBIJOYACHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This component was introduced under the Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme since 1.4.1996. The main objective of this component is to reclaim waterlogged areas (in the command areas of projects under Command Area Development Programme) caused either on account of surface flooding/ inundation or due to rise in water table. Under this component, Central assistance is provided to States in the form of grant to the extent of 50% of the actual expenditure or Rs. 6000 per ha. whichever is less (assumed cost of construction being Rs. 12000/-per ha.)

(c) Under this component, 441 proposals have been approved so far with an overall estimated cost of Rs. 4444.54 lakhs. The estimated area reclaimed under the scheme till 31st March, 2002 is 24754 ha.

(d) to (f)The component is applicable to all the States, including Andhra Pradesh, implementing Command Area Development Programme. Taking up of projects, however, depends on receipt of technically feasible proposals and their approval by the inter-ministerial group.